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Title: NIOBIUM OXIDE-BASED LAYERS FOR THIN FILM OPTICAL COATINGS  
AND PROCESSES FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER (37 C.F.R. § 1.136(A))**

Applicant(s) in the above-identified application hereby petition(s) for a one-month extension of time to and including September 29, 2003 for responding to the Office Action mailed May 27, 2003 (September 27, 2003 being a Saturday). A response to the Office Action accompanies this Petition.

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